



March 31, 2020

Honorable Chairman and Members of the City Council:

The Fiscal Year 2021 City Budget is submitted for your review and consideration. The document provides the estimated revenue sources along with the City's proposed spending for the various City programs and activities. The budget is balanced and maintains the existing level of services through Fiscal Year 2021. The City will also be able to undertake infrastructure upgrades and the acquisition of needed capital assets. I am grateful for input from the City staff, committees, City Council, and residents throughout the budget process.

The Real Property tax rate remains unchanged at \$0.6652. Adopting the constant yield tax rate would not be sufficient for the City's Fiscal Year 2021 financial needs. The estimated accessible base increased 6%. The business personal property tax rate remains at the State allowed 2.5 times the real property rate, or \$1.66 per \$100 of assessed value. The tax differential (reduction in County tax rates) for services provided by the City and not performed by the County is \$0.136 for real property and \$0.346 for personal property for Fiscal Year 2021.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Highlights

REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
	FY 2021			FY 2021	
Property and Shared Taxes	\$8,584,169	74%	Public Works	\$4,383,540	38%
Fines	\$1,204,500	10%	Police Department	\$3,870,322	33%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,334,601	12%	General Government	\$2,682,163	23%
Funding from Appropriations	\$280,000	2%	Debt Service	\$335,263	3%
Grants	\$153,018	1%	Reserves and Scholarships	\$285,000	2%
Total	<u>\$11,556,288</u>	<u>100%</u>	Total	<u>\$11,556,288</u>	<u>100%</u>

Projected revenues, excluding reserves or appropriations, increased 6%, primarily due to the increase in the assessable base. The budget includes a 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for City staff and step increases for those that qualify in accordance with the City's Compensation Study results from 2017. The City is still in the process of seeking a permanent Public Works Director and a Fleet Manager.

Thanks again to staff, City Council members and residents for their involvement in the budget process.

Sincerely,


Duane H. Rosenberg
Mayor